

**Wall City Council Meeting**  
**Community Center Meeting Room**  
March 21, 2024 6:30pm

Members present:

Mary Williams – Mayor  
Rick Hustead – Councilman  
Stan Anderson – Councilman on Zoom  
Kelly Welsh – Councilwoman  
Jerry Morgan – Councilman  
Mike Anderson – Councilman  
Dan Hauk – Councilman

Others present:

Carolynn Anderson - Finance Officer  
Garrett Bryan – Public Works Director  
Katie Bruce - Chamber Director  
Tim Hartmann – KLJ Engineering  
Annette Brant – Penn Co Treasurer  
Dr Sally Crowser – Wall School  
Abigail Aldrich – Badlands National Park  
Liliya Stone, Teresa Hofer, Brenda Warren  
Ashton Swift, Stephanie Trask

*(All action taken in the following minutes carried by unanimous vote unless otherwise states)*

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30pm; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman S Anderson & Tim Hartmann were present on Zoom.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Welsh to approve the minutes of 3/7/2024 city council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by Hustead to approve claims for the City of Wall and Fire Department. Motion carried.

Reviewed:

- Fire Department 2/12/2024 meeting minutes
- Golf Course financial report
- Sales Tax report
- Cash and MM Balance
- Budget Reports

Tim Hartmann with KLJ Engineering reported there were a few cost saving options that were addressed that had been previously awarded in the bid, but this will now need a change order to stay with codified law.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Morgan to approve change order #1 to reduce the project cost to \$3,932,248.37 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by Hustead to approve pay request #1 to Hulstein Excavating for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project for \$194,084.30. Motion carried.

Hartmann updated the council that the millings and concrete removal are complete, and they are working with the contractor for traffic control and to keep stakeholders informed. There will be a meeting Monday to discuss the work progression plan. There will be a text group set up to keep residents updated as the project moves forward.

Annette Brant, the Pennington County Treasurer, visited with the council as a follow-up from her last visit on the senior tax assessment freeze. The deadline is April 1 and she is present to answer questions for those working through the paperwork.

Brenda Warren and Teresa Hofer shared information about Dark Sky Week. Mayor Williams read the Dark Sky Week Proclamation, announcing Wall's recognition in Dark Sky Week April 2-8<sup>th</sup>. Dark Sky tourism is an area of great interest and with the Badlands National Park working towards their designation as an international dark sky park and feel the interest should continue to grow.

Abigail Aldrich introduced herself to the council as she is the new Deputy Superintendent of Badlands National Park and Minuteman Missile Site.

Liliya Stone updated the council on the ambulance service. There were only 4 calls in February with 3 transports. As of March 19<sup>th</sup>, there have been 16 calls compared to 24 last year. They have raised \$10,000 for LUCAS so there should be enough to purchase the second unit. Stone has concern with ambulance calls in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave area during construction and would like to be added to the text group so they can stay informed.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Morgan to approve the building permit for Ron Dinger to build a 6' privacy fence at 213 W 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motion carried.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Morgan to approve the building permit for Dorothy Fortune to install 2 egress windows at 312 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Motion carried.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Hauk to approve the building permit for Hansen Inn & Cabins to construct a covered patio area and move in a storage shed at 114 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion carried.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Hauk to approve the conditional use permit for Ashton Swift for operating her business, Small Town Glo, in a residential area at 309 Kelly Ave. Motion carried.

Dr Sally Crowser, Wall School District report:

- Prom is this weekend, and she will be chaperoning and swimming with the kids at Watiki at the post prom.
- Track is in full force, golf starts Monday, the state student council event is next week and FFA has a state qualifier in Sturgis.
- Elementary spring concert next Monday
- Attended the Impact Aid meeting in Washington, DC.
- Had a retired coach from SDSU come as a guest speaker yesterday and will be coming back to speak for graduation.
- Girls' basketball team and wrestling team did well
- There have been delays on the precast walls for the CTE addition, but they are working on what they can while they wait.
- Dr Crowser will be taking over superintendent duties next year in Wall.

Discussion was held regarding city employees dental and vision insurance. Our current coverage has limited providers in the Rapid City area. Quotes were put together from several companies. Katie will get exact numbers from the vision coverage provider and bring it back to the next city council meeting.

Finance Officer (FO) Anderson report:

- Names were drawn for placement on the ballot, so they are ready for absentee voting. The publication will go in the paper to notify the public who is running.

Public Works Director (PWD) Bryan report:

- Worked on South Blvd to clean up the rock and dead trees. They planted grass so it will be easier to mow.
- They have been working on curb stops. One will need to be separated as it serves 2 houses.
- They have been cleaning out parking lots getting ready for Spring.

Mayor Williams report:

- Mayor gave an update on the March 19<sup>th</sup> Prairie village meeting. They have been having good attendance with staff and law enforcement. Communication has improved. Deputies now have remote access to security cameras and keys to get into the building after hours. Resetting the fire alarm has been a concern. The cost of replacing the current smoke detection system with a heat detection system is \$60,000 and will be in the 2025 budget. It was requested that Pennington County Housing Authority hire local companies, they will be sending in job descriptions for contracting services for maintenance and lawn care. Currently they have 15 elderly residents and 13 low incomes.

A concern form was submitted to the Finance office after the agenda was posted. It will be addressed by M Anderson and put back on the next agenda for an update.

Next City Council meeting will be April 4th at 6:30pm.

Motion by Hustead, second by M Anderson, to move into executive session to discuss legal/personnel issues according to SDCL 1-25-2 at 7:42pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams declared the meeting out of executive session at 9:03pm.

Motion by Hauk, second by Hustead to accept Kendall Nelson's resignation with regret. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

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Mary Williams, Mayor

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Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer

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